

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A skin preparation comprising a lamellar structure consisting ~~essentially~~ of one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s), and one or more of vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, which comprises a lamellar structure prepared from an oil phase mixture containing said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) and said one or more of vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein said one or more of vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof is contained within or covered with the lamellar structure composed mainly of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s).

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the amounts of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) and said one or more vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof is 2 to 100 parts by weight of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) per part by weight of said one or more vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to any one of the Claims 1 to 4, comprising a cosmetic composition.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to Claim 5, wherein said cosmetic composition is selected from the group consisting of a cosmetic lotion, a cosmetic milk, a cosmetic cream, a beauty essence, a face washing cream, a pack, a cleansing cream and a massaging cream.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the amounts of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) and said one or more vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof is 5 to 50 parts by weight of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) per part by weight of said one or more vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof.

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the content of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) is 0.1 to 25% by weight and the content of said one or more vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof is 0.001 to 2% by weight.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the content of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) is 0.5 to 10% by weight and the content of said one or more vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof is 0.01 to 0.3% by weight.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein said lamellar structure is a multi-lamellar vesicle.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, further comprising cholesterol in an amount range of 0.01 to 1 per part by weight of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s).

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) are monoglyceride(s) of saturated or unsaturated fatty acids having 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) are selected from the group consisting of myristic acid monoglyceride, palmitic acid monoglyceride and stearic acid monoglyceride.

Claim 14. (New) A skin preparation comprising a lamellar structure consisting of one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s), and one or more of vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof, and cholesterol.

Claim 15. (New) The skin preparation according to Claim 14, wherein said one or more of vitamin A and vitamin A precursor(s), derivative(s) and decomposed product(s) thereof, and cholesterol is contained within or covered with the lamellar structure composed mainly of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s).

Claim 16. (New) The skin preparation according to any one of the Claims 14 to 15, comprising a cosmetic composition.

Claim 17. (New) The skin preparation according to Claim 16, wherein said cosmetic composition is selected from the group consisting of a cosmetic lotion, a cosmetic milk, a cosmetic cream, a beauty essence, a face washing cream, a pack, a cleansing cream and a massaging cream.

Claim 18. (New) The skin preparation according to Claim 14, wherein said lamellar structure is a multi-lamellar vesicle.

Claim 19. (New) The skin preparation according to Claim 14, wherein said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) are monoglyceride(s) of saturated or unsaturated fatty acids having 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

Claim 20. (New) The skin preparation according to Claim 14, wherein said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) are selected from the group consisting of myristic acid monoglyceride, palmitic acid monoglyceride and stearic acid monoglyceride.